

One of the two Israel Navy missile boats visiting Italy to mark the 40th year since the post-war illegal immigration to Palestine which was assisted by the Italian people and government. The boats are calling on the ports of Civitavecchia and La Spezia. (IDF)

## Confusion over contracts in the freeze

Large sectors of the economy face disruption unless the confusion on how contracts will be affected by the price freeze is sorted out.

In addition, large sectors of commerce and industry risk hefty losses. The threatened crisis stems from the continued inability of the package deal monitoring committee to reach agreement on how contracts for flat sales, leasing deals and insurance can be fitted into the price freeze.

Clarification on these matters had been expected last Wednesday, but as yet the committee has produced only disagreement and lengthy debates concerning the various legal aspects of the price freeze. This has effectively frozen billions of shekels tied-up in contracts as entire sectors of the economy have brought their dealings to a crawl.

According to one official, the entire stability of the package deal

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accord was under threat from the endless debates and delay of the monitoring committee.

Junior officials at the Ministry of Industry and Trade yesterday expressed bitterness at what they described as the "foot-dragging" by the committee.

They claim that among the unanswered questions relating to the price freeze are legal problems as well as basic questions about pricing goods and services - including real estate - whose prices have for some time now been quoted and based on the dollar rather than the shekel.

One ministry worker told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday: "From the public's standpoint, the price freeze

is the most important single element of the package deal. That's why we are being bombarded with all the inquiries and complaints."

"But what people do not realize is that we, as the government's representatives on the committee, are only one leg of the tripod. There are two more partners - the manufacturers and the Histadrut. Unless that committee really begins to produce, I fear for the stability of the package deal."

The government proposed on Monday what it thought would be the first approved formulas only to have them rejected by legal advisers representing the manufacturers and the Histadrut, he added.

The legal advisers are to meet today in a bid to clinch an accord. Meanwhile, the committee's plenum will not meet until tomorrow.

But officials at the Treasury predicted yesterday that even at this

next meeting nothing would be achieved. "The questions are so complex that a rapid agreement could not be expected soon," they feared.

And the officials claimed the most likely development could see the entire matter being transferred to the political level for a solution which would then have to be brought back to the legal advisers for final approval.

There is also concern that the situation could be even more aggravated tomorrow with the publishing of the Consumer Price Index for October.

Many contracts in the economy have built-in linkage clauses but due to the current confusion it is not clear whether these will be effective.

And then there is the added danger that due to the current freeze in deals a large number of firms will

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Rabin tells Galilee local council heads:

## 'Thaw in Jordan-PLO relations may bode ill'

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

TEL AVIV. - Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday expressed concern that the apparent improvement in Jordan's relations with the PLO may lead to a change in Amman's efforts to keep its territory from being used for terrorist attacks against Israel.

Rabin was speaking at a meeting in Kfar Tavor with heads of local councils in Galilee who were con-

cerned about Sunday's Katyusha attack and the two rockets which fell in the Jordan Valley two weeks ago. No injuries or damage was caused in any of the attacks.

"I would not say the (attacks) are not worrying, especially considering improved Jordanian-PLO relations and the return of PLO elements to Jordan. I hope their return will not be reflected in Jordanian policy, which more than anything else has prevented attacks against us," Rabin

said.

In Amman, Foreign Minister Taher al-Masri said yesterday a long-delayed session of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile would take place here on November 22, a date set by Yasser Arafat.

Jordan had previously said it would welcome the meeting but had not confirmed a date.

Asked by Reuters whether the Palestine National Council (PNC) would meet here on November 22 as

Arafat has said, Masri replied: "Of course, it will. All arrangements are being made."

Some diplomats in Amman still wondered whether Arafat had a parliamentary quorum to call the PNC session, which has been strongly opposed by Syrian-backed Palestinian groups critical of his policies and leadership of the PLO.

Questioned on this, Masri said: "They tell us they have the quorum."

## Nakoura talks may resume tomorrow Israel ready to free some Amal detainees

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is apparently willing to release some of the Shi'ite Amal leaders seized at the end of last week in Southern Lebanon on suspicion of hostile activities.

A promise to this effect, transmitted to Beirut through American and UN go-betweens, is reported to have elicited an assurance from Beirut that the Nakoura talks on the IDF withdrawal would be resumed.

But the Defence Ministry contemplates releasing the Amal suspects only after the Lebanese military delegation returns to Nakoura. There was no word from Beirut whether the talks would restart today, or only in two or three days.

The Lebanese government had originally demanded, in addition to the release of the Amal leaders, an Israeli commitment to relax security measures in the Shi'ite-dominated areas of Southern Lebanon.

But Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has made it clear in meetings with U.S., UN and local Lebanese figures that Shi'ite attacks on Israelis in Southern Lebanon would be followed speedily by firm counter-measures.

Some observers said last night that the release of some of the detained Shi'ites might be timed to take place simultaneously with the start of the next session at Nakoura, thus enabling both sides to save face.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy who tried in Beirut yesterday to breathe life into the Nakoura talks, flew on later to Damascus to inquire about the Syrian attitude to the substance of the negotiations. Syria is known to be displeased at Lebanon's suspension of the talks.

Murphy's talks in Damascus are believed to have taken in much more than the snag at Nakoura. When the American diplomat gets back to Washington, his report will help shape decisions on the degree of U.S. involvement in future arrangements in Lebanon.

His report will help clarify what lies behind the Syrian readiness for dialogue with the U.S. It may also explain whether this readiness is designed to help or hinder Egypt's emerging policy of shaping a new bloc of moderate Arab states extending from Morocco to Iraq.

Associated Press reports: Lebanese leaders said in Beirut yesterday they are eager to restart

the suspended talks, but insisted again that all four arrested Shi'ite militiamen be freed.

This position was disclosed by Prime Minister Rashid Karamneh and Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri following a luncheon with President Amin Jemayel.

Berri, who serves in Karamneh's cabinet as Minister for South Lebanon, said the Lebanese government has decided to suspend the negotiations until this issue is resolved.

Berri refused a compromise reportedly proposed by Murphy.

According to these reports, Murphy had suggested that Israel release three detainees at once if Lebanon agreed to resume the talks tomorrow. The fourth man, Amal politburo member Mahmoud Fakhri, would be freed later.

Commenting on this, Berri said: "There are four detainees that we want back... The ball is in the Israeli court now. They should return the people of the South to the South."

Reuters quotes a UN spokesman in New York as saying progress is being made towards resuming the Nakoura talks and there are hopes that the next session can be held on Thursday.

## 602nd fatality of war buried in Nahariya

NAHARIYA (Itim). - Samal (Sgt.) Mordechai Darai, 20, the 602nd Israeli to lose his life in the Lebanese war, was buried yesterday afternoon in the Nahariya military cemetery. He died in Haifa's Rambam Hospital

at two days after he was wounded. Darai was born in Nahariya, the son of parents who had emigrated from Morocco. He received his early education in Ma'alot and Haifa. His parents moved to Nahariya from

Ma'alot in 1974, and after he completed elementary school, he studied metalworking. He did all his military service in Lebanon.

He is survived by his parents, five brothers and five sisters.

## IDF patrol comes under fire north of Awali

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULA. - An IDF patrol in the Druse-controlled area north of the Awali River in South Lebanon came under mortar fire yesterday but incurred no casualties. The patrol, which included tanks and armoured personnel carriers, did not return fire.

This restraint owed in part to the promise of area residents to try to prevent such attacks in future.

The patrol had penetrated the Awali line to prevent terrorists from organizing in the Druse area or infiltrating from there into IDF-controlled territory.

The IDF registered six attacks against Israeli and South Lebanon

Army forces during the last two days. The attacks began with rocket-propelled grenades directed at IDF troops north of Jonyeh. Later, a roadside bomb was discovered 4 kilometres south of the village, and IDF sappers rushed to the scene to dismantle it. Several SLA outposts came under scattered automatic and light weapons fire.

## Al-Baz cool to Egypt-Israel summit meeting

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. - Osama al-Baz, the senior foreign-policy adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, has ruled out a high-level meeting between Egypt and Israel, or other Arab-Israeli peace talks for the time being.

In an interview yesterday in *The New York Times* al-Baz said Israel would have to take some far-reaching steps in removing its troops from Lebanon and improving conditions for Palestinians on the West Bank before Egypt would agree to such talks.

This position, he said, was conveyed to Israel two weeks ago through diplomatic channels. Egypt has no objection to contacts with Israel that might enhance prospects

for such a meeting, he said. "But we have to be certain that a summit would produce meaningful and concrete progress not only on bilateral relations, but also with respect to the Palestinian question and the situation in Lebanon."

He warned that such a meeting, if convened for "psychological impact," could be "a double-edged sword."

"Failure to produce progress could set back efforts to improve relations," he continued. "It could result not only in a hardening of positions, but also in the creation of bitterness and deep disappointment coupled with a loss of confidence."

His comments followed Prime Minister Peres's public call last Sunday for a summit with Mubarak.

Al-Baz has dismissed as "cosme-

tic" the recent measures by Israel aimed at improving conditions for the Palestinians on the West Bank. He called for more "far-reaching measures" that would "create confidence in Palestinian ranks."

Such steps, he said, could include lifting the ban on political activity, a moratorium on new settlements, freeing of political prisoners, permitting the return of Palestinians to reunite families, reinstating Palestinian mayors and other elected officials deported or dismissed from their posts and ending involvement in Palestinian economic activities on the West Bank and Gaza.

While denying that these confidence building measures were specific conditions for a summit al-Baz noted they "are the prerequisites of a successful meeting."



## Ship's captain tells panel about stowaway put to sea

Jerusalem Post Staff

An inquiry into allegations that sea captain Avner Gilad cast an East African stowaway adrift on an improvised raft two years ago opened yesterday with four hours of testimony in closed session, included two hours of testimony from Gilad.

A report last Friday in the daily *Hadashot* alleged that Gilad, 57, forced the stowaway onto a raft when he was discovered shortly after Gilad's ship, the m.s. Moran, left Dar-es-Salaam in 1982.

Israel Radio quoted Gilad as telling the inquiry he had offered the stowaway the options of returning to Dar-es-Salaam, staying on the ship and being turned over to South African or Israeli authorities or being put off the ship on a raft.

He said the man at first agreed to leave the ship, but then refused, according to the Radio.

Gilad was quoted as saying he had been afraid he would face prosecution in South Africa, his next port of call, if he arrived with a black on board.

The inquiry commission is headed by Dan Hiram, chairman of the Israel Shipping Research Board, and includes Shipping Authority head Shabtai Levy and Transport Ministry legal adviser Hanoch Ya'acov. The three also heard testimony yesterday from the ship's engineer and two seamen.

In an interview on the Army Radio yesterday, Gilad accused the media of "murdering me, like you did (Ya'acov) Levinson. Before knowing or seeing anything, you reached a verdict."

The police said yesterday that they are waiting for the inquiry's conclusions before deciding whether to open a criminal investigation.

## Cremisan murder trial adjourned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The trial of Issa Nimr Abed-Rabu of Dehaishe, who is accused of the premeditated murder last month of Revital Seri and Ron Levi near the Cremisan Monastery at Beit Jala, opened yesterday before the Ramallah Military Court.

But the court agreed to postpone the proceedings at the request of Abed-Rabu's lawyer Fnuad Barghout, who said that he had not had sufficient time to examine the mate-

rial to be presented in the case.

The lawyer also presented a preliminary argument to have the case transferred from the military court, which he claimed lacked suitable jurisdiction, to a civil court in the territories.

Abed-Rabu, 22, remained quiet throughout the proceedings, which were attended by his family and a few observers. The victims' families were not present.

## IEC cuts off electricity to pumps for drinking water

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
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Jerusalem Post Reporters  
HAIFA. - The Electric Corporation announced yesterday that it had cut off power to two drinking-water pumping stations, which may result in shortages in Beersheba's Omer quarter and in several neighbourhoods in Kiryat Ata.

The corporation took the action because the Mekorot water company still owes it IS2 billion. Last week, after the corporation cut off electricity to several pumping stations, Mekorot paid IS1.6b. of its debt. It promised to pay the rest in a few days but has not done so.

The Mekorot spokesman said last night that the Finance Ministry had

not yet transferred IS4b. in promised subsidies to the water company. "If we do not receive this money we cannot pay the remainder of the October bill to the IEC or any future bill," he said.

The corporation said it had its own bills to pay, for the fuel oil and coal. It said that if Mekorot does not pay up soon, its own supplies will be affected and it will be unable to produce electricity for the country.

In the past the corporation has cut off power to stations pumping water for irrigation. But with the rains starting now, the farmers are no longer exclusively dependent on the pumped water. So the corporation has targeted the drinking-water pumping stations.

## 130 social workers to be dismissed

By ILAN CHAIM

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katzav yesterday announced that, due to budgetary cuts, he is being forced to cut funds for 130 social workers employed by local authorities.

Katzav said that the cutbacks actually call for 280 social workers to be dismissed, but the ministry would try to limit the firings to 130 "for the time being." The minister met in his office with several dozen representatives of the Social Workers Union and the local authorities, who had come to plead for fewer cuts, and to offer Katzav their support in his fight

against cuts in the ministry budget. "We want to fight alongside him, not against him," Social Workers Union secretary Raya Rettig told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We see him as a partner." She said the union is opposed to any manpower cuts, since the economic situation means more people will be needing the help of social workers.

It's not logical that social workers should sit at home and receive unemployment compensation, when they could be working to help others," Rettig said. There are 2,400 social workers employed by the local authorities, 70 per cent of them women.

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Nazareth	61	14-20	20	14
Afula	50	9-23	23	9
Shomron	58	14-18	18	14
Tel Aviv	49	16-23	23	16
B-G Airport	54	16-22	22	16
Jericho	33	17-25	25	17
Gaza	55	16-23	23	16
Beersheba	51	10-21	21	10
Eilat	22	13-28	28	13

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

World Wizo President Raya Jaglom held a reception yesterday in honour of Cecily Peters, national president of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo, and her Heritage Tour delegation.

Two lecture rooms in the Rouso Building of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on Mount Scopus were dedicated yesterday by Louis Rouso of New York, one of them in memory of his wife, Dora Rouso, and the other in memory of their daughter, Diana. The dedication was attended by a delegation from the Sephardic Temple of Cedarhurst, L.I., led by Rabbi Arnold Marans.

The Israel Chamber of Shipping unanimously re-elected Wolfgang Lazarus as its president at its annual general meeting in Haifa on Monday. A committee was also elected.

Prof. Haim Barkai will speak on the "Package Deal and After" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 o'clock today in the YMCA.

Director of the Ports Authority Shaul Raziel will speak on "Haifa Port Development" at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting in the Nof Hotel, at 1 o'clock today.

## Navon to Canada

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon left yesterday for Canada where he is to take part in the annual conference of the Council of North American Jewish Federations. Navon will return on Sunday.

Navon is to meet Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the ministers of External Affairs and Education.

## Israel Bonds chairman

Ira Guilden dies at 88

The funeral service for Ira Guilden, chairman of the Israel Bonds Organization who died on Monday at the age of 88, will be held today at Temple Emmanuel in New York City.

Guilden was president and director of Baldwin Securities, and chairman and director of the executive committee of the Bank of North America.

He was also a patron of a large number of organizations in Israel, among them Boys Town, Jerusalem, of which he was founder and president.

## No Sabbath roadblock for Rehov Yam Suf

Rehov Yam Suf, a residential street in Jerusalem which runs between the Orthodox neighbourhood of Sanhedria and the largely non-Orthodox neighbourhood of Ramot Eshkol, will not be closed to traffic on the Sabbath. This was announced yesterday by Eitan Melnick, the chairman of the city's Public Transportation Committee.

Melnick said that because many of the residents on the street are non-observant and because the street is not very busy there is no justification for its closure. (Itim)

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## HOME NEWS

# Peres sure Lebanon talks will resume

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The talks with the Lebanese over the Israel Defence Force's withdrawal from Lebanon will be resumed in the near future, Prime Minister Peres told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday.

Peres said Israel did not object to the Lebanese government's sovereignty over the South Lebanese Army, as long as the SLA remains in the south of Lebanon.

Asked by MK Yossi Sarid why Israel is now insisting on negotiations with Lebanon although it announced previously that it was prepared for unilateral withdrawal, Peres said that agreements must be reached with the SLA and Unifil, which are vital elements in the area.

Peres said that at the beginning of the negotiations with Lebanon in May 1983 certain agreements had been reached. But meanwhile things have changed and now Syria is heavily involved. The fact that there are talks with Lebanon indicates that Syria condones them, he added.

Speaking about Taba, Peres said that Israel must find a solution which will enable it to "creatively" hurdle the obstacle. He urged adhering to the Camp David peace treaty which called for "negotiation, mediation and conciliation."

Peres said that West Bank leaders will not be permitted to attend the coming Palestinian National Council session in Jordan, because the PNC belongs to the PLO. He noted that West Bank leaders are permitted to attend the Jordanian parliament.

"We have no interest in rehabilitating a recognized PLO branch in the West Bank," he said.

Peres said he could not understand why certain persons oppose opening an Arab bank in the West Bank so long as its funds do not go through the PLO. He said that improving conditions in the West Bank is in Israel's interest and is not being done to please the U.S.

# Cuts will spell lower living standards for soldiers

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Israel Defence Forces is planning to abolish certain units and to dismiss personnel because of budget cuts. To slash 25 per cent from the budget for the Quartermaster Branch it is planning to service emergency stores of armoured vehicles less often and to lower soldiers' living standards.

The IDF is about to complete the outline for these cuts and will work out the details later, Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy told military reporters here Sunday.

The cuts are bound to affect Israel's preparedness for war, Levy said. But to reduce the impact of the cuts the IDF will launch a campaign against waste in the hope that even modest savings will provide funds for projects that would otherwise be slashed.

The plans envisage changes in

combat units but the main details are classified.

One change will be the servicing of tanks, armoured personnel carriers and other armoured vehicles in emergency stores once every three years instead of every two years.

Some vehicles would then require more extensive work than before but overall, maintenance would be cheaper, Aluf Haim Erez, the head of the Quartermaster Branch in GHQ, said.

The army is also planning to overhaul existing equipment, which in the past it would have replaced. It said that a new tank engine costs \$96,000, but overhauling one should cost only \$15,000.

Non-essential units will be severely curtailed or abolished, Levy said, citing the Gadna (youth battalions), the mental health services and some educational activities.

He said he wants to dismiss some

2,000 career soldiers and civilian employees.

Those remaining in the army will have to cope with a reduced standard of living. Transportation for taking soldiers home for leave from field exercises will be cut. Also some soldiers will have to live in two-man tents instead of the more spacious tents now in use.

An order for 2,000 big tents has already been cancelled, for a saving of \$6-7 million. The money saved will be used to buy other equipment and ammunition, Erez said.

Senior officers reckoned, however, that little can be done to save on soldiers' food which costs daily an average of \$1.40 per person.

The army could have coped with the budget cuts by reducing training, curtailing research and development projects and not sending officers for academic studies.

But that would have a negative long-term effect, Levy said. A reduction in training for standing-army units would affect soldiers' performance over the 30 years they serve in the reserves.

## Shamir: 'Defence cuts reach limit'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that Israel cannot cut its defence budget any further.

Shamir told a delegation of U.S. congressmen visiting the country as

guests of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League: "We assume that the U.S. is not anxious for us to reduce our defence spending, since it is more interested in a strong Israel in this part of the world than a weak one."

# Opening day of Sharon's suit against 'Time' magazine

By WALTER RUBY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. - Ariel Sharon's \$50 million libel suit against Time magazine went to trial yesterday with instructions to the seven-member jury by Judge Abraham Sofaer and an opening statement by Sharon's lawyer, Milton Gould.

In his statement to the jurors, Sofaer said that they should rule in favour of Sharon's contention that he had been libelled by Time, if they believed Sharon's lawyers had proved the magazine's statements in its article "The Verdict is Guilty" were both defamatory and false. Sofaer also stressed that Sharon's lawyers must show Time acted with malice.

The magazine claimed that Sharon had encouraged the Phalangists to revenge the death of Bashir Jemayel by attacking Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps.

Gould, in his opening statement, gave an account of the background to the case, including a justification of Israel's decision to enter Lebanon.

In his report on the massacre at

Sabra and Shatilla which Gould termed as "stressful, horrible and inexcusable," the lawyer nevertheless said that many of the approximately 500 killed were terrorists, and that only about "15 women and 15 children were among the dead."

Earlier, Sofaer rejected Time's petition for dismissal of the trial. In a 100-page document, Sofaer wrote, "Time's arguments fail to justify a decision to dismiss the case or for judgment in its favour."

"On the other hand, Time's arguments demonstrate the extraordinary nature of this litigation, and the unfairness it has the potential to cause... Time's claims may yet eventually earn it the release it seeks."

In his report, Sofaer also questioned the credibility of Time reporter David Halevy, noting that Time had disciplined Halevy on a different occasion for falsely reporting that then Prime Minister Menachem Begin was seriously ill.

Referring to Halevy's assertion concerning the secret appendix B to the Kahan Commission report, the judge wrote: "Time may have been seriously misled or poorly served by some of its personnel."

# Knesset extends school levy

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset voted yesterday to extend for two years the levy for secondary education collected by the National Insurance Institute at the present rate of 0.4 per cent of the income on which insurance payments are made.

The government bill that passed its first reading last week provided for an increase in the levy to 0.6 per cent, but the Education Committee decided to maintain the present rate.

The bill was presented for its second and third readings yesterday by Nahman Raz (Alignment), making his first appearance on the Knesset rostrum as chairman of the Education Committee.

Raz said that one reason for the committee's action is that while the revenue from the levy is transferred by the government to the local authorities, the latter do not use it to pay teachers.

It is also not yet clear whether the government will present the proposed bill imposing an education fee on every family with one or more children in school, he said.

The committee also objected to the additional levy being imposed

entirely on the employee, instead of being shared by the employer.

Raz said the committee had had to work quickly because the previous two-year extension of the law expired yesterday. But if the government should re-submit the bill with the higher levy, the committee would re-consider it with an open mind, he said.

# Labour troubles threatened over Electric Corp. pay rise

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Israel Electrical Corporation's national workers committee has declared a labour dispute in reaction to a government demand that its workers return part of a recent pay rise.

The Engineers' Union, meanwhile, is claiming that the pay rise paid to the electrical workers is a parity bonus, and are demanding such a bonus as well.

The pay increase resulted from the back-to-work agreement that ended the Electrical Corp. workers' week-long strike in July. It has been paid with September's and October's salaries, and is said to amount to some 3 per cent of the workers' wages.

The government has told the electrical workers that they were paid too much, and that they return some of the money.

The Treasury has told the En-

gineers' Union, however, that the entire payment was made to the electrical workers in error, and that the mistake would soon be rectified.

Engineers Union secretary Yitzhak Raz yesterday wrote to Treasury budget director Hillel Dadai demanding that all public-sector engineers be paid the parity bonus. According to the public-sector work agreement signed several months ago, the salaries of certain government and government-company employees are linked, and a bonus paid to one must be paid to all.

The engineers did not sign the framework agreement, but Raz said they would demand the bonus as soon as they did so.

The parity bonus was introduced earlier this year for workers who do not receive any other specialization payment. The Electric Corporation workers, among the country's best paid, are not eligible for such a bonus.

# Striking teachers trickle back to work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some striking high-school teachers returned to work yesterday after belatedly receiving their October salaries. But some schools remained closed as local authorities failed to pay all outstanding teacher salaries.

In Safad, the religious secondary school remained closed but the secular school opened after its teachers were paid. Schools were still closed in Yokneam and Emeq Hefer.

Kindergartens in the Tel Aviv area opened after the municipality managed to pay teachers and assis-

stants. Some kindergartens remained closed in Ramle, but are expected to open today.

Secondary schools were still closed in Umm-el-Fahm, M'rar, Judedia, Rama and Kafr Yassuf for the fifth week as teachers have not been paid their September or October salaries.

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## Nine Eilat, Netanya hotels lose their stars

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Tourism Ministry yesterday cancelled the star ratings and withdrew its endorsement of nine hotels, including the Blue Bay in Netanya and the Red Rock in Eilat.

The hotels, all in Eilat and Netanya, were cited for faults in their fire-prevention systems, safety hazards, shortcomings in house-keeping and inadequate management. These disciplinary steps were taken in consultation with the ministry's advisory committee on hotels in coordination with the Hotel Association Ethics Committee and the Hotel Employees Union.

The largest of the nine, Netanya's Blue Bay, has 225 rooms and carried a four-star rating. According to the ministry, 25 safety hazards were uncovered in the hotel. The fire-prevention system was faulty, despite repeated warnings from the fire brigade to bring it up to ministry standards.

When contacted last night, Blue Bay manager David Katz said he was surprised by the news, adding that he had received no notification from the ministry of such measures. He would not say, however, whether he had received any notification of his hotel's shortcomings and threatened to take legal action if the matter were publicized.

Second largest is the Red Rock, with 114 rooms and a previous four-star rating. In a ministry inspection tour last month, inspectors found hundreds of cockroaches, mice droppings, open sewage, cats in the kitchen, torn upholstery and no reserve blankets or pillows.

Other hotels which lost their four-star rating were the Beit Ami (85 rooms) and King Solomon (99 rooms), both in Netanya. Both were found lacking adequate fire-prevention systems. In the Beit Ami, inspectors also turned up serious safety hazards and rodent droppings.

Three-star hotels affected are the Etzion in Eilat, which was faulted for broken stairs, rusty baths, noisy elevators and spoiled meat in the kitchen. In Netanya the Maxime and Topaz both had inadequate fire-prevention systems, while the former also lacked a ministry-approved manager.

The former two-star Dalia Hotel also lacked a certified manager as did the Red Sea hotel in Eilat. Beyond the generally run-down condition in both hotels, the Dalia also suffered from what the ministry described as "awful" dining room service.

## Tel Aviv merchants given 'light' fines for pricing violations

Jerusalem Post Reporter and Itim  
TEL AVIV. — Some 40 city merchants convicted of failing to display prices or of failing to quote prices in shekels were each fined fines of IS15,000 in magistrates' court here yesterday.

Judge Haim Eliat said that he imposed "relatively light fines" because the economic package deal is still in its initial phase and many merchants have not yet managed to adjust their prices in accordance with the price-control regulations. Most of the fined merchants were

from north Tel Aviv.

So far in Tel Aviv charges have been filed against some 200 merchants, mostly for failing to post prices, but in some cases for over-charging.

In the Netanya Magistrates' Court yesterday charges were filed against 160 merchants from the Sharon area and Triangle villages for price-control violations.

The cases are being heard in the "rapid justice" tribunals which have been set up in seven cities. Jerusalem's tribunal is to begin operating

this morning.

Dealers in furniture and other high-priced merchandise are selling on instalment with payments still pegged to the current exchange rate of the dollar rather than to the rate fixed on November 2 of ISSZ.

They are able to do so by making the sales as contractual loan transactions, which are not governed by the price-control regulations.

The sales contracts state the price of the goods both in cash and in instalments with annual interest. The contracts are divided into separate sections detailing "sales conditions" and "loan terms," with the seller assuming the role of lender.

The price freeze regulations were broadened yesterday in an order signed by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who is filling in for Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, who is out of the country.

As of today, shekel prices must be displayed not only in retail shops but also in the sales rooms of wholesalers and manufacturers in which goods are sold to consumers as well as to middlemen.

## Knesset committee endorses partial NII payment linkage

By ILAN CHAIM  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Insurance Institute yesterday inched towards preserving the value of welfare payments when the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee endorsed its bid to link some of the payments to the October average wage.

But though the committee's support is helpful, the decision on the NII proposal rests with the Ministerial Economic Committee, slated to meet today in what is expected to be a stormy showdown between Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe

Katzav and Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

The committee endorsed the NII position that the allotments it paid in November must be calculated on the basis of those in October, which were fully linked to the cost-of-living increment. This updating was authorized by the six-month emergency regulations which expired on October 31. Katzav has sought to safeguard full C-o-L linkage for all NII payments, but this has been opposed by Moda'i.

The NII will present a compromise proposal to the Ministerial Economic Committee today, establishing two categories of linkage for its allotments. The first category comprises NII beneficiaries with the least income, who receive payments for disabilities, pensions, and support.

Allotments for this group would be made on the basis of the average wage for October, plus the full cost-of-living increment paid to workers in November.

The second category comprises all other NII beneficiaries, whose allotments also would be calculated on the basis of the October wage but who would receive only two-thirds of the cost-of-living increment for

November, as specified by the economic package deal.

The committee, headed by acting chairwoman Chaika Grossman, considered the NII proposal to be the minimum acceptable compromise capable of preserving recipients' benefits and recommended it to the ministerial committee.

But the Knesset panel reserved for itself the last word on the matter. If the ministers decide to do anything other than to accept its recommendation, the committee said it will review their decision in terms of the National Insurance Institute Law.

## Neo-Nazis not serious threat, West Berlin mayor states

By GREER FAY CASHMAN  
and ERNIE MEYER  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The neo-Nazis in Germany are not a serious threat, West Berlin's Governing Mayor Eberhard Diepgen told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. The small groups of these right-wing radicals are under con-

stant surveillance, he said.

On the subject of German arms sales to Arab countries, Diepgen said he personally believes Germany should not sell arms to countries in areas of tension. But if arms must be sold, the sales must be within the framework of the Nato alliance, he said.

In his meetings with Premier Pines and Foreign Minister Shamir, Diepgen said he discussed aspects of the Middle East security situation. Sales of German arms to Arab countries were not mentioned, he said.

Diepgen, 43, is the first German politician to pay an official visit since the establishment of Israel's new government. "We are willing to listen to new accents," he said. It is the task of European nations to influence Israel's neighbours to sit down at the peace table, he added.

Asked later whether he sees the post of West Berlin's governing mayor as a stepping stone to national office, Diepgen told a meeting of staffers at The Jerusalem Post: "My office is special due to the delicacy of Berlin's position as a barometer of tension and East-West détente."

Diepgen was unequivocally negative to proposals of a reunification of the two Germanys under Russian auspices in return for "neutralization." "The question is more frequently put by the left than by the right. The left wants to detach us from the West, but freedom always takes precedence over unity," he said.

Concerning his attitude to Israel and Germany's Nazi past, Diepgen reiterated that there is only one history and that even Germans of the younger generation cannot dissociate themselves from parts of it.

"There is no special relationship between Germany and Israel - I wouldn't go so far - but there are special ties," he said.

Asked his view about proposals to turn the Berlin villa where the 1942 Wannsee "final solution" Conference took place into a documentation centre, he said there is already a memorial plaque on the building where the "perfectionists of crime" even included the 200 Jews of Albania on their extermination lists.

While admitting that the plaque is

not enough, he said that memorial establishments should not be scattered all over the city. They should be concentrated at the Berlin Museum in the Kreuzberg district which is close to the city centre. "In any case, Gestapo headquarters in the Prinz Albrechtstrasse was where the plans for the final solution were really hatched. Wannsee was only secondary."

Asked also about Berlin's continuing programme of inviting former Jewish residents for a week-long visit of reconciliation, Diepgen said that since assuming office this February, he has already welcomed two such groups. They included the 15,000th person invited under the plan. "There are still about 12,000 persons on a waiting list. In view of their advanced age, the Berlin Senate will debate increasing the funds for the programme," he said.

During a visit to the Wingate Institute of physical education near Netanya earlier this week, Diepgen donated DM100,000 on behalf of West Berlin. The money is to be used to increase facilities for handicapped children.



Diepgen (Zoom 77)

## Finnish envoy explains why he had to rebuff Nudel group

The Finnish ambassador to Israel cancelled a meeting with an Israeli delegation of women supporters of Ida Nudel arguing that he lacks a mandate to deal with matters pertaining to Soviet political affairs.

Ambassador Paneni Kekkonen pointed this out to The Jerusalem Post last night in response to growing criticism of his decision not to meet with an IWIN (Israeli Women for Ida Nudel) group recently.

IWIN chairwoman Raya Jaglom had been granted a meeting during which she hoped to present the Finnish ambassador with a letter addressed to Soviet authorities and requesting an exit permit for Nudel.

Kekkonen explained that the letter should have been sent to the Dutch Embassy in Moscow, which handles Israel's interests in Russia. "We're not allowed to deal with political matters," he told The Post.

Meanwhile, World Committee to Save Russian Jewry chairman Rabbi Rafael Halperin presented an emergency national programme to the government yesterday.

The programme calls for hitting the Soviet regime with social, economic and psychological pressure in place of the Israeli policy of working behind the scenes on the behalf of Russian Jewry.

## Arkia flying to Swaziland

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Arkia will take over the charter flights to Swaziland started in September by Maof, which has since gone bankrupt.

Arkia managing director Yossi Rosen told The Jerusalem Post yesterday he hopes to use one of Maof's Boeing 707s.

The deal involves a South African company, Gateway International, which has contracted for 50 Maof flights to Swaziland. John de Klerk, Gateway's managing director, said the company has made a purchasing offer for the plane and would put it at Arkia's disposal. But the Boeing is mortgaged to the Bank Chai, one of Maof's creditors, and the govern-

ment has blocked the plane's sale because of Maof's debt to it.

Therefore, an old Boeing 707, which Arkia has leased from El Al, may be used for the first flight on Sunday. The crew on future flights, however, will be the men who flew for Maof, Rosen said.

The flight to southern Africa requires permission for overflights from African countries which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel. Permission was given to Maof, and Rosen said, Arkia has already got similar approval.

Arkia will honour Maof's tickets to Swaziland for the dates set in them, Rosen said. Flights will be available at Maof's introductory price of \$599, he added.

## Robber of 95-year-old gets 6 years

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A man convicted of numerous burglaries — and of robbing a 95-year-old Tel Aviv resident — was sentenced yesterday to six years in prison by a District

Freund to let them into his flat by asking for a drink of water. They then knocked Freund to the floor and stole IS17,000 from him.

Mizrahi had pleaded not guilty to

## Dehaishe now a closed military area

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The curfew on the refugee camp of Dehaishe south of Bethlehem was lifted yesterday after security forces detained two people in connection with a stone-throwing attack on a Border Police patrol Monday night. One policeman was slightly injured during the attack.

The camp has meanwhile been declared a closed military area which bars anyone except local residents or the army from entering it.

The order also prevents settlers, chiefly Hebron leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger, from entering the camp.

On Monday, Levinger aides said that he had succeeded in renting a room from one of the Dehaishe residents but as the buildings belong to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, the agreement was declared invalid.

The wife of the man who is said to have rented the room to Levinger refused his down payment, claiming that her husband was an alcoholic and was not responsible for his actions.

Levinger continues to squat opposite the camp in a lone vigil to protest repeated rock-throwing at Israeli traffic.

## Two suspected of dealing in dollars

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two men arrested yesterday on suspicion of illegally trading in foreign currency were released on bail shortly afterward. One of the men, aged 67, was arrested in the "Polish market" on Rehov Allenby when a policeman allegedly saw him making a deal in foreign currency. The policeman reportedly confiscated \$505 from him.

In the second case, the anti-pickpocket unit cruising near the black market arrested a Bat Yam man, aged 29, and reportedly confiscated \$980 in his possession. The sum of IS147,000 was returned to him.

Trading was slim in the main black market locations yesterday. But it was "business as usual" in the side streets and stairwells of nearby buildings.

Police earlier this week announced a crackdown on illegal money changing.

## Adjustment on kindergarten fees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Parents of children in Jerusalem municipal kindergartens who have received bills from the municipality for increased fees have to pay only part of the increase.

The control board of the Trade Ministry's price-freeze committee said yesterday that IS\$5,000 of the sum requested represented increases in the cost of kindergarten service before the price-wage freeze agreement. The remaining IS\$3,000

related to increases following the agreement and therefore need not be paid.

The spokesman of the Education Ministry meanwhile said that the price freeze would affect both public and private kindergartens.

Complaints of violations should be directed to the Education Ministry at 35 Rehov Shvitei Yisrael, Jerusalem, or by telephoning 02-2782056. Additional information is available at 02-278222.

## IS40,000 grants given to Arab villages, councils

ACRE (Itim). — Grants of IS40,000 were presented yesterday to each of

vities.

Office director Moti Mashiah



Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin hears about IDF activities in Lebanon from OC Northern Command Aluf Ori Orr yesterday. Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy is seen behind Rabin.

## Rabin meets anti-Amal Shi'ites in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin met yesterday with Shi'ite leaders in South Lebanon who told him they oppose the actions of the Amal Shi'ite organization against the Israel Defence Forces.

The Shi'ite leaders have been in contact with the IDF in the past and support cooperation with the IDF. The leaders told Rabin they in-

tend to set up a Shi'ite political administration in South Lebanon with the purpose of examining various possible security arrangements in the area.

Rabin toured all sectors of South Lebanon yesterday and met with IDF commanders who surveyed the security situation and the soldiers' morale.

The defence minister later met with Galilee mayors and local coun-

cil heads in Kfar Tavor. He told them there are difficulties in the negotiations with Lebanon. "If any factor in Lebanon suddenly gets upset, neither the Lebanese president nor the premier can force it to do what he wants," he said.

"In the first stage, we will exhaust the possibility of finding a political-military solution. Meanwhile, we won't say now what will happen if such a solution is not found."

## Report likely to bury Med-Dead project

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The unfavourable State Comptroller's report on the economics of the multi-million dollar Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal has given impetus to demands to freeze the project.

An aide to Energy Minister Moshe Shahal told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the minister had asked for a special meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee to discuss the report published yesterday and prepared by State Com-

ptroller Yitzhak Tunik. He will inform the committee that the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal Company's final feasibility study is to be published next month. Shahal has decided that after studying the feasibility report he will ask the cabinet to decide on whether or not to close the company and so put the entire Med-Dead idea on ice.

It would not be revived until the country's economic situation improves or, as a ministry official said, "until the price of conventional power-station fuel becomes so high

that the Med-Dead becomes super feasible."

In his special report, prepared at the request of the Knesset State Control Committee, Tunik criticizes the Energy Ministry (before the present minister, Moshe Shahal, was given the portfolio) for failing to coordinate Med-Dead work with the finance minister — as directed by the cabinet — and for paying too little attention to economic experts who had questioned building the canal, which is intended to provide hydro-electric power.

## Gur rejects charges that Health Ministry is politicized

TEL AVIV. — Health Minister Mordechai Gur has rejected claims that his ministry is being "politicized." The allegations were made earlier this week by the former director-general of the ministry, Prof. Baruch Modan.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the \$10.5 million maternity and children's ward at Assaf Harofeh Hospital, at Tzrifin, Gur declared that all elected officials carry out their duties partially according to their political leanings.

"When I took on the job of Health Minister I had essential disagreements with Prof. Modan which could have harmed the operation of the health services," he said. Modan has been replaced as director-general by Prof. Dan Michaeli.

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## U.S. defence budget to be cut \$8b.

WASHINGTON. — Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger has agreed to a cut of slightly less than \$8 billion in military spending in the next financial year, administration officials said.

Weinberger, who has been resisting cuts for the Pentagon, accepted a lower budget during a meeting with President Ronald Reagan, the officials said.

The cut represents about 2.8 per cent of the projected 1986 defence budget of \$286b. There were no

immediate indications of where savings would be made.

The cut will apply in the financial year beginning next October 1. It was demanded by Congressional leaders of Reagan's own Republican Party, who have said that deep cuts in domestic programmes ordered by Reagan to reduce soaring deficits would not get through Congress unless defence spending was also reduced.

Officials said Weinberger strongly resisted projected defence cuts of

\$20b. in the 1987 financial year and \$30b. in the following year.

These projected cuts were proposed by Reagan's budget director to meet goals for lowering future deficits through lower spending in domestic and military programmes.

In the past few weeks, Reagan has reduced spending on domestic programmes by \$34b. for 1986. The \$8b. defence cut will bring total spending reductions to \$42b., which was Reagan's original goal.

## Shultz vows to consult allies on Geneva talks

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Secretary of State George Shultz told the NATO allies yesterday the U.S. approaches new arms talks with the Soviet Union "extremely seriously and very openmindedly" and promised them full consultation, diplomats said.

They said Shultz gave foreign ministers of the 16-nation North Atlantic Council an hour-long briefing on preparations for his talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Geneva on January 7 and 8.

He said they would be "talks about talks" rather than detailed negotiations, and urged patience. Shultz said Wednesday the U.S. had not yet finalized its position for the meeting as President Ronald Reagan had not yet made specific decisions.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher stressed in an opening speech that the Europeans expected to be consulted at every stage of the new talks and wanted their special security concerns to be addressed.

"It must be the aim of such consultations to ensure the active participation of the allies in the process of negotiations," he said.

"INF (Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces) systems which are of special importance for the Europeans must be included in the negotiations," he said.

Echoing an appeal by Shultz to the Belgians and Dutch Wednesday, Genscher said the West European allies should continue to deploy U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles as long as concrete arms control results had not been achieved.

West German, Britain and Italy have so far deployed 102 cruise and Pershing-2 missiles on schedule under NATO plans to counter Soviet SS-20 rockets.

But Belgium and the Netherlands, under public pressure, have delayed their decisions in the hope that deployment may become unnecessary.

Diplomats said European ministers emphasized the need for a broad dialogue with Moscow and its East European allies, not just limited to arms control issues.

West German diplomats said Shultz had agreed that NATO's special consultative group, comprising senior officials from allied capitals under an American chairman, would be retained to monitor the new "umbrella" negotiations.

## Swiss parliament votes to join UN

BERNE (Reuters). — The Swiss Parliament yesterday voted in favour of Switzerland joining the UN, leaving the way clear for a final decision in a national referendum.

## Cardinal Sin distressed by Marcos's TV 'striptease'

MANILA (Reuters). — Church and state duelled yesterday over the health and manners of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, who bared his chest to the world last week to prove he had not had heart surgery.

Cardinal Jaime Sin, leader of the country's 43 million Roman Catholics, said Marcos was "no gentleman" and implicitly accused the government of mounting a steady stream of half-truths and deliberate lies about the president's health.

The church-backed weekly magazine *Veritas*, which the cardinal likes to refer to as "my newspaper," used the term "singularity tasteless."

Responding, Information Minister Gregorio Cendana said Marcos should be complimented rather than criticized for "baring the truth and setting the record straight."

Cendana said: "There is absolutely nothing improper in what the president did, especially when we consider that some people did not want to believe our statements about



Ferdinand Marcos

his health."

An editorial in *Veritas* compared the president's action with that of U.S. President Lyndon Johnson, who yanked up his shirt to show his scar from a gall bladder operation.

"A singularly tasteless act," the magazine said.

It said Marcos, 67, "compounded his display of presidential bad manners by ordering an aide — an ambassador of the land, no less — to do an impromptu striptease by showing what the scar left by a heart bypass looked like."

## Two children killed in Baghdad blast

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — An explosion in Baghdad on Wednesday killed two schoolchildren and wounded five other people, four of them critically, an Interior Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He blamed "agents of the Iranian and Syrian regimes" for the blast in central Baghdad.

All five wounded were university students. There are many schools and colleges in the area where some of the city's top international hotels are also located.

The Interior Ministry spokesman said: "Investigations uncovered the involvement of the Iranian and Sy-

rian regimes in the incident, which was aimed at the lives of innocent people."

He did not specify whether anyone had been caught.

Wednesday's blast was the first officially reported explosion since a string of bombings last year blamed on the Shi'ite fundamentalist Al-Da'awa Party.

Government statements have accused Al-Da'awa, which wants an Iranian-style regime in Iraq, of collaborating with Iran which has been at war with Iraq since September 1980.

## Chinese engineer hangs himself in NY

NEW YORK (Reuters). — A Chinese engineer hanged himself from the roof of one of China's mission buildings in New York on Wednesday after trying to defect and then changing his mind, police said.

They said Xin Zhang, 49, was in a six-member Textile Ministry mission en route from New York to Guyana last Sunday when he suddenly de-

cided to ask immigration officials at Kennedy International airport for asylum.

Refusing to leave with the rest of his delegation, he met immigration officials in New York on Monday then left their office voluntarily.

The next day Xin went to the Chinese mission here and asked to return to China, police added.

## Britain, Ireland to move out of time with Europe

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Britain and Ireland will continue to put their clocks back a month after other members of the European Community under summer-time arrangements for 1986-1988 agreed by the community transport ministers.

Summer-time will start in all member countries on the last Sunday in March. But Britain and Ireland will

revert to winter time on the fourth Sunday in October, rather than the last one in September when the other eight member countries will revert.

Community sources said ministers had been unable to agree on a synchronized system. British Labour members of the European Parliament say that getting into step with the rest of the community would disrupt the social lives of the British and increase crime by making it get dark earlier.

## Cypriot leaders are to meet for first time since 1979

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — UN Mediators have persuaded the leaders of Cyprus's Greek and Turkish communities to hold their first direct talks in five years.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced Wednesday night that Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş had agreed to meet on January 17.

Cyprus has been virtually partitioned since Turkish troops occupied the northern part of the Mediterranean island in 1974.

Kyprianou and Denktaş last met in Nicosia in May 1979, also under UN auspices.

Perez de Cuellar told reporters that after prolonged consultations with both sides, sufficient progress had been achieved to "justify the

convening" of a high-level meeting. But he strongly hinted that much work remains before final agreement is reached on reuniting the Greek and Turkish ethnic communities under a new federal system.

"I think it is the beginning of an achievement. It is not an achievement so far," he said.

Kyprianou said in a statement: "Cautious optimism is now justified for the first time since 1974."

The Greek Cypriots seek to ensure the establishment of a strong central government. The Turkish Cypriots, who 13 months ago declared their own independent "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus," with Denktaş as its president, are aiming at a high degree of autonomy for their wing of a bicomunal state.

## Ousted Mauritanian leader arrested on return home

DAKAR. — Mauritanian leader Mohammed Khouna Ould Haidalla, overthrown in his absence Wednesday, flew home to Nouakchott yesterday and was immediately arrested, informed sources in Dakar said last night.

They said the ousted president's Caravelle jet took off from the Ivory Coast capital of Abidjan yesterday afternoon and landed at Nouakchott airport, which was officially closed to international traffic.

Meanwhile, Mauritania's new leader Maouya Ould Sidi-Ahmed Taya announced the composition of his new government, 24 hours after taking over the North African nation in a bloodless coup. Taya was the armed forces chief of staff.

Airport officials in Dakar, Senegal, said Haidalla's plane overflew Dakar's airport and preparations were being made to welcome him, but the plane did not land, going on instead to Nouakchott.

There had been reports that Haidalla, who flew Wednesday from Burundi at the close of the two-day summit to the Congo Republic, wanted to return to his country.

Haidalla was ousted to stop him amassing personal power, to raise moral standards and restore the credibility of the state, according to

Mauritanian Radio yesterday.

A commentary on the state radio, monitored Wednesday night by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said "the reorganization carried out today by the (governing) Military Committee for National Salvation was in response to the unanimous desire of the armed forces to remain loyal to the superior interest of the Mauritanian nation," it said.

The radio said the bloodless coup was a reply to the need to respect the institutions and credibility of the state and the aims set in the July 1978 coup which brought Haidalla to power.

It added: "This reorganization was necessary to prevent the accumulation of personal power to the detriment of the general interest and of respect for the rules governing public life..."

Mauritanian Radio resumed normal broadcasting yesterday. A broadcast, monitored in Dakar, repeated communiques giving names of the members of the National Salvation Committee and saying a curfew was in effect and the country's airports closed.

No military music was played in contrast with normal procedure during African coups, and the broadcast said life is normal in Nouakchott. (AP, Reuters)

## European Parliament rejects budget

STRASBOURG (AP). — The European Parliament overwhelmingly rejected the European Community's 1985 budget yesterday and asked the ministerial council to submit a new draft.

The parliament's resolution approved 319-5 with 16 abstentions, said the draft budget submitted by the EC council is unacceptable because it "does not cover twelve months of revenue and expenditure."

As of January 1, the community will operate under a provisional month-to-month system until a

budget is approved.

Ireland's Jim O'Keefe, president of the budget council, said the \$26.1 billion European currency unit (about \$19b.) draft budget covered only 10 months of the community's expenditures. But he said the governments of the 10-nation community have unanimously agreed on a "political" commitment to raise the needed cash later in the year.

The parliament, however, declared that a partial budget is illegal and insisted that the governments sign a "binding" agreement now to increase the community's revenues.

## UN assails U.S., South Africa over Namibia

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The UN General Assembly overrode objections by the U.S. on Wednesday and voted to condemn what it said were "persistent attempts" by the U.S. and South Africa to delay the independence of Namibia.

After turning down a series of U.S.-proposed amendments by much narrower margins, the assembly adopted a 69-point omnibus resolution on Namibia by a vote of 128-0, with 25 abstentions.

Despite its objections, the U.S.

joined other western countries in abstaining on the resolution because of American involvement in the Namibian independence process. From 52 to 61 states, most of them western, backed the U.S. during the separate voting on each of the proposed amendments.

U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick appealed to the 159-member assembly before the vote to demonstrate "civility, fairness and factual accuracy" by deleting specific, critical references to the U.S. and to Israel in the main resolution and in two related resolutions.

Namibia, a mineral-rich former German colony also known as South West Africa, has been controlled by South Africa since World War I and, since 1966, in defiance of UN resolutions calling for the territory's independence.

## Italian shops close in tax-bill protest

ROME (Reuters). — Some four million stores, bars, garages, tobacco shops and bakeries throughout Italy were closed by their owners yesterday in a continuing duel of strikes between sectors supporting or opposing an embattled fair tax bill.

Yesterday's closures, lasting half a day in most parts of the country but all day in a few areas, were called to protest against sections of a proposed tax bill that self-employed workers say would treat them unfairly.

The Confindustria Union, which groups the owners, said about 90 per cent of its members joined the strike and the rate was as high as 98 per cent in some major cities.

MENGISTU. — Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam left yesterday for an official visit to Cuba accompanied by his foreign minister and top economic planner.

## Sports



Kevin Magee and Lee Johnson (right) of the Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team, take time out to visit Youth Aliya pupils at the Mikve Israel Agricultural School. Holding the basketball is Uri Gordon, head of Youth Aliya. (Dekel)

## Real, United scale heights

LONDON (Reuters). — Real Madrid and Manchester United, two of the great glamour names of world soccer, re-discovered their former magic by qualifying against all the odds for the quarter-finals of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup.

The Spaniards, six times Champions' Cup winners but in sad decline in recent years, went into their third round, second-leg 3-0 in arrears to Anderlecht of Belgium, who have been hailed as the new "wonder team" of Europe.

But, in a stirring display, which recalled the days of Alfredo Di Stefano and Ferenc Puskas, Real stroled to a 6-1 victory in front of 95,000 spellbound spectators in the Bernabeu Stadium. Emilio Butragueno got a hat-trick, Jorge Valdano two goals, and Sanchis one. Sanchis scored in the third minute.

Only 22,250 fans creased into day Tumbler Park to see Manchester United meet local side Dundee United, who appeared to have a place in the last eight within their grasp after a 2-1 draw at Old Trafford in the first leg.

But the English millionaires won a torrid and memorable encounter, 3-2 in an unlikely 5-4 aggregate victory. Mark Hughes scored for United, they profited from an own goal by Gary McGee, and Arsenal Mahers clinched the victory 12 minutes from time.

Rapid of Austria ran out at "neutral" Old Trafford, home of Manchester United, to a hostile reception from more than 50,000 Celtic fans who had flooded into England for the tie.

UEFA ordered the match to be replayed at least 160 km. from Glasgow after a bottle-throwing incident during Celtic's 3-0 win in the original tie on November 7.

Several bottles were thrown on to the pitch. Celtic supporters braced security forces to attack Rapid players. They were held up for two minutes in the 63rd minute when one fan ran across the pitch and punched Rapid goalkeeper Herbert Feurer before being dragged away by three policemen.

Then, as Rapid players celebrated their triumph on the pitch, another fan bundled Puskas to the ground near the entrance to the players' tunnel. He lay surrounded by policemen for some minutes before being helped away by Rapid coaching staff.

Intercontinental Milan beat Hamburg on away goals thanks to a late penalty by Iribarren Ling-Brady. Dynamo Minsk, Cologne, Videoton 90 Hungary, Zeltzacher Sarajevo and holders Tottenham are all through to the quarter-finals.

Manchester Queens Park Rangers ended Southampton's unbeaten run of 15 games by winning a second replay 4-4 to advance to the quarter-final of the English Soccer Milk Cup.

## Elements defied by runners

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

NETANYA. — Battling his way through a sandstorm interspersed with torrential hail and rain, Ashkelon's Yeheskel Halifa yesterday won the 9-km. international road race here in 32.06 minutes, with American new immigrant Yehuda Packer following him home 46 seconds adrift.

The next two places among the intrepid 150 starters went to home town boy Doron Ziman and England's Joseph Rison, with respective times of 33.29 and 33.44.

For Halifa, 20, this was the latest of a remarkable string of athletic successes since he resumed competition in July after being injured three months earlier in the terrorist attack on the Ashkelon bus. Since then, at Ayalot club runner has taken part in

nine Israeli and overseas meets, and has won all but one of them. Halifa's coach is Yossi Avni.

First woman finisher was former British international running star Gloria Rickard in 44 minutes, with West German Maria Arbogast following her three minutes behind. England's Dave Stocker won the men's over-40 event and Israeli Eli Ron took first place in the over-45 category.

The Netanya meet replaced a scheduled cross-country race at Mishmar Hasharon, which organizer Barry Shaw was forced to cancel because of the appalling weather. The entry included 100 foreign athletes from a dozen countries, for whom this was the second leg of the inaugural "International Running Tour of Israel." The tour winds up at Monday's Sea of Galilee Marathon.

## SOCCER PREVIEW

## Leaders should win

By PAUL KOHN  
Post Sports Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The National League pace-setters, Maccabi Haifa and Bnei Yehoshua, return from away triumphs to their home grounds tomorrow. They are both strong favourites to beat teams well down the table.

In Kiryat Haim, Maccabi Yavne will be the visitors. This Cinderella team's 8th place in the league has been earned by their dedication. In recent games, Yavne have beaten Hapoel Tel Aviv, Shimon, and held Bnei Yehoshua and Maccabi Tel Aviv to draws. No team has shown more keenness in the National League and the side includes a fine goalkeeper in Freddy Lesmer, a strong, tall striker in Eli Dricks, and good midfield players like David Vaknin and the experienced Rafi Eliahu. They will not yield easily to the champions.

Betar at YMCA appear to have an easier task against the luckless Hakoah Ramat Gan, who floundered in 15th position with only nine goals to show from 12 league games. In comparison, the Jerusalem attack with Eli Ohana, Avi Golder, Sami Malka and Uri Mahmilan has notched 26 goals. It would come as an

earthquake of a shock if Betar failed to win this one.

Netanya fans will turn out to see the return of the Machness Twigs, once the toast of the diamond city, but now playing for Maccabi Petah Tikva. Oded Machness, for many seasons Netanya's most prolific striker, was in sparkling form last Saturday. The Netanya defence will have to devise a formula for stopping Oded, with brother Gad behind him, as well as Elisha Levy and Doron Rabinson.

In Petah Tikva, Hapoel Lod will be hoping for their fourth consecutive win after an awful start to the season. Newly promoted Hapoel Petah Tikva will provide the opposition. They are a tough nut indeed to crack at home.

## Shahar's fight

SYDNEY (AP). — Shahar Perkis put up a great fight in the New South Wales Open against the No.3 seed Kevin Curren, ranked 21 in the world, but eventually succumbed 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Other winners were Tom Gullikson, Ben Testerman, John Fitzgerald, Bill Scanlon, Sami Glatzstein, Mark Davis and Johan Kriek. Kriek has qualified for the Masters in January, ousting Aaron Krichstein.

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The Post's Abraham Rabinovich hears a group of leading designers discuss the problems of Jerusalem

# THE HEART OF THE MATTER



THE SOPHISTICATED group of American visitors around the table in Jerusalem could hardly be labeled innocents abroad but what they were hearing and what they had seen was so far removed from their experience it was difficult for them to tell whether they were confronting the wisdom of the East or utter despair.

The 16 board members of the International Design Conference in Aspen — including world-famous designers, architects and media executives — were following their practice of holding periodic board meetings abroad and coupling them with seminars attended by local counterparts.

Following intensive tours of Jerusalem with local officials they sat for two days with Israeli colleagues to discuss Jerusalem's heritage and development as guests of the Mishkenot Sha'ananim guest house.

What they heard and saw added up to a radiant city without a radiant vision, perhaps even bereft of hope — a divine city with a deep human chasm at its centre that no one was trying to bridge, or even believed possible to bridge.

Coming from an optimistic race of bridge builders, the Americans were made uncertain by this theme that went beyond the architectural subjects they had been prepared to deal with, beyond even politics, into a basic human question.

Israeli writer Amos Elon spoke directly on this issue. He rejected the term "mosaic" usually used in referring to Jerusalem's division into ethnic and religious sub-cultures. "Mosaics," he noted, may be made up of a multiplicity of differently shaped

pieces but they fit into one another and have a common frame around them. This is not the case in Jerusalem, he contended; there are in fact two cities, one Arab and one Jewish, each claiming exclusivity.

"POLITICS has been the architect of this city for the past 20 years," Elon said. The government's design since 1967 was to render the city indivisible by constructing satellite communities across the former green line. But in fact, he said, there are two central business districts — one Jewish and one Arab, two transportation systems, even two scales of land evaluation. The government was intent on ensuring Jerusalem's status as Israel's eternal capital but no one had built bridges between the two major groups inhabiting the city. Elon said he did not know the answer, "I only know somewhere in my bones that the present course we're on is potentially disastrous."

Failed attempts at bridge building were cited by Ruth Cheskin, director of the Jerusalem Foundation, who described parks built at several points where Jewish and Arab neighborhoods almost meet, in the hope that youngsters from the two sides would play with each other. In practice, she said, the two groups chose to use the facilities at different times or one group declined to use them at all.

Historian Saul Friedlander said that Jerusalem architecture and physical planning have traditionally been employed as an expression of power or "belongingness" by one group vis-a-vis another. "You can't do anything on a major scale without inflicting some wound on the other

side," he said. Thus the satellite communities around Jerusalem were regarded as threatening by the Arabs who in turn had broken gravesites at the Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives during the city's division in the attempt to erase the past.

Friedlander said working to combat the antagonistic use of space, planners had to choose between stimulating interaction between the two communities on the middle ground between them or promoting total separation as the less threatening option to both sides.

AN UNROMANTIC, and therefore untoured, view of Jerusalem relationships was offered by City Engineer Amnon Niv. The psychological tendency is to envision a love relationship between Jew and Arab as the solution to Jerusalem's problems — "like a youthful dream of holy matrimony," said Niv. "I don't see any hope for this and nobody here wants it." Physical links will be created between the Jewish and Arab sectors, he said, but they would be commercial links that the two sides could exploit as they chose.

The most optimistic note among the Israelis was sounded by architect Moshe Safdie who, as a member of the Aspen board, was instrumental in the Jerusalem meeting. "I believe that contact (between the city's Jews and Arabs) will lead to less suspicion, more interaction and a richer life," he said while continuing isolation of the two communities from one another would lead to violence and destruction. Safdie did not mention his own proposal for a commercial contact point — the long-frozen

Mamilla project — but said that intercommunal meeting places had become the city's central planning question.

The foreign participants were cautious in venturing hard opinions about someone else's problems but their unwillingness to accept a fatalistic attitude was clear. Boston planner Jane Thompson noted that her city also had a tradition of sharply edged "turfs" belonging to Blacks, Italians, Irish and other ethnic groups. "But there are places of neutral turf where you can have unstructured contacts, where you can walk down the street and see another person and be seen. A form of tolerance develops."

Architect Julian Beinart, a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, said "we in the United States have isolated ourselves from history and conflict" and that he and his fellow Aspen members were offering "views of naive Americans." However, he suggested, there must be some better option than hopelessness.

Graphic designer Milton Glaser, whose firm has recently designed stores for a supermarket chain in the U.S., said that communal contacts could begin at such mundane levels as supermarkets placed on a site accessible to both communities and offering particularly attractive marketing. "Architects are no more knowledgeable about the human heart than anyone else," he said. "The question in the deepest sense is religious — not in the sense of received truth but of humility and good will. This is the only way you begin the process."

Could Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem learn to know each other better by observing each other's cultures on television in the safety of their own living rooms?

The question was raised at the Aspen conference — and expanded in a subsequent interview — by Dr. Frank Stanton, who headed the CBS television network until his retirement 10 years ago.

The world stands today on the edge of a revolution in electronic communications similar to the one it underwent a generation ago with the introduction of the long playing record, black and white television and FM radio, Stanton said. "The next explosion that will take place in the U.S. will be the mass production of equipment capable of receiving signals directly from satellites," he said. Today, 400,000 American buildings hold dish antennas that can receive satellite broadcasts. These antennas cost between \$3,500 to \$7,000 but the Japanese are already talking of an antenna

that will be marketed for \$160 within the next few years.

"If you have one of these antennas today you can tune-in to 50, 60, maybe 90 channels from all over the world," he said. When satellite programming becomes standardized, there will be published listings of programmes — whether Korean soccer or German opera — and special audio arrangements will permit the viewer to pick up a synchronized translation.

How will this electronic bridging of the world help Jews and Arabs bridge their complex differences?

"Before you can have understanding, you have to have information and I think TV is an enormous conveyor of information," says Stanton. "I think when people watch the news regularly, the broadcasters become household friend. TV gives you the opportunity of getting to know things in private — it makes it easier to look at one another."

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## Flying doctor

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL / Jerusalem Post Reporter

flight for the pilot and air crew. Gordon claims this is not a serious problem since most pilots drink rarely, if at all. And he is certain none of them uses drugs.

In fact, he says, they tend to be extremists on the subject and often refuse drugs prescribed by their doctor.

Gordon is also active in the matter of crop-dusting and all other pesticides that are applied from the air, taking care of the safety of the pilots and of those on the ground. He regularly inspects landing strips and pesticide warehouses.

Since his hobby became his profession, Gordon sought another pastime — that of amateur "ham" radio operator. And from his well-equipped radio room in Jerusalem, under the call signal of 4X6AA, he daily chats with other "hams" around the world.

This almost became a problem a

few years ago when his wife, Natalie, had to have a pacemaker implanted to control her heart beat. Natalie says she wondered what her husband would give up — his radio or her. But the 45-year-old marriage held, and Gordon found technical answers to the problem so that his radio broadcasts do not interfere with his wife's pacemaker.

BUT GORDON'S radio activities also assist him in his work: since it is he who takes charge of investigating all aviation accidents, his almost instant access to information from other surgeons, through his fellow "hams," helps him get any assistance he may need.

Gordon is pleased, even proud, of Israel's safety record in the air. Even when near disaster loomed a few years ago and an El Al plane lost its pressurization, he says, the pilot did exactly what he should have done —

he had the plane down to 14,000 feet in only 90 seconds. In a case like this, he explains, the plane must reduce altitude at once — or else people in the aircraft will black out within 38 to 40 seconds, if they are not using oxygen.

He says that pilots and control tower operators are highly trained and physically fit throughout Israeli aviation. And he mentions that while Israel has no women pilots in the commercial field, he would be happy to see women in this field since the modern plane, equipped with hydraulic power and computerized accessories, can be operated by a woman just as well as by a man.

There are, he says, a few women tower operators and their performances are excellent. But old prejudices die hard, and although the U.S. already has some commercial women pilots — women ferried the heaviest bombers across the Atlantic in World War II — he doesn't see women getting a foot in the door in Israel.

Right now, Gordon is interested in better pesticide application control and greater safety for pilots using those chemicals: "I haven't solved it all," he says, "but I'm working on it."

together with his pianist for the last four years, American-born Jeanette Kim.

He has developed into a mature artist of stature, with a rich tone, flexible bowing, and a most musical attitude to flowing and singing phrases, which makes his interpretations in all the different styles presented attractive and interesting.

In the Bach Suite, he demonstrated discipline and perfect control over timing, tone production and extended phrase, without which Brahms's lines would be slurred and restless. In the second sonata by Brahms, his strong and mobile playing matched beautifully with the performance of the pianist. The quick movement; the meditative and serene mood in the slow part showed the two artists to be serious and thoughtful musicians of high calibre. A remarkable and highly satisfying evening.

## Baroque experience

MUSIC REVIEWS/Yohanan Boehm

application to vibrato, which may be historically correct, but conveys a thin reedy sound. The leading violinist's swelling of separate tones is most irritating, to say the least, and the overall effect of the strings was generally brittle, distracting more than contributing to the various harpsichord performances.

As for the works, structure and form are so similar in each, and the tinkling of the keyboards so limited in individuality and personal expressiveness, that even Bach's ingenuity gets rather monotonous after a while. Only the enthusiasm of Baroque fans maintained genuine interest in the proceedings.

These reservations notwithstanding, it is understood that the four soloists and the string players were

deeply involved and committed, earning themselves generous applause from an overflow audience.

RECIPIAL — Yehuda Hanani, cello; Jeanette Kim, piano (Targ Music Centre, Ein Karem, November 12). Schumann: Sonatas for Violin, op. 102; Debussy: Cello Sonata; Bach: Suite No. 4, for Cello unaccompanied; Brahms: Cello Sonata No. 2, op. 99.

YEHUDA HANANI, who began his studies in Jerusalem with Thelma Yellin and continued later with Uzi Wiesel, went to the United States for further studies and remained there, though occasionally visiting Israel for appearances with orchestras and giving summer classes.

Presently soloist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, he took time off to give a recital at the Jerusalem Targ Music Centre,

FOUR HARPSICHORDS — All-Bach program: Harpsichord Concerto in A, BWV 1025; Concerto for two Harpsichords in C, BWV 1061; Concerto for three Harpsichords in A, BWV 1063; Concerto for Harpsichord in E, BWV 1053; Concerto for two Harpsichords in D, BWV 1065 (after Vivaldi). — Shimon Rudman, Tzvi Medveder, Neta Lador, David Shemer, harpsichord; with Walter Rutter, Lev Strakosky, violins; Anna Basson, viola; Joel Basson, cello (Israel Museum, November 10).

A PROGRAMME of Baroque music will always draw a good audience, and an all-Bach bill has a capacity audience guaranteed, especially if included is the rare opportunity of seeing and hearing four harpsichords on one stage. The reviewer's task seems almost superfluous: he merely need note the complete bliss evident among the mostly youthful listeners.

But this writer had some reservations. The accompanying string quartet, using instruments copied after original Baroque models, had to do a lot of tuning between the various pieces with the resulting sound still being far from satisfying — the sonorities of these smaller instruments was restricted through non-



Bitter complaints by businessmen:—

## Freeze hurts exports; big chains go unchecked

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The price freeze is "harming exports," one businessman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. Another one complained that the hand of justice is bearing down too hard, and on the wrong people.

Bernard Gross, a Tel Aviv manufacturer of silver jewelry, said: "I am in the midst of shipping my Christmas gift line abroad and now this price freeze bombshell strikes like lightning."

"How can I produce goods without raw materials? My raw materials are between 700 and 1,000 kilograms of sterling silver a year. When I call my supplier, he tells me he cannot sell me any of the metal because the price is frozen."

"His reasoning is understandable. I admit. The market price of silver is dictated at the silver bourses in London and elsewhere, not at the Ministry of Industry and Trade in Jerusalem."

"On the one hand, the ministry helps us with loans and grants to participate in trade fairs abroad. On the other hand, it makes rules that lead our suppliers to stop selling us the raw material we need to survive."

Gross said that 60 per cent of his output is shipped abroad and the remainder sold to tourists here, making these sales also exports, in effect.

The other businessman — the secretary of the Jerusalem Merchants Association — told *The Post*:

"The city's business community is very bitter about the price freeze enforcement situation. Many of our members, all of them independent retailers, have been given summonses. Ninety per cent are failing to display prices in shekels and only about 10 per cent for overcharging."

"It seems the inspectors would rather pick on the little guys, to harass them, than challenge the big chains. They are the ones who are really raising prices. But with batteries of high-powered lawyers ready to defend them in court, the inspectors shy away and instead use all of their time to summons small shopkeepers. They should also go after the importers and manufacturers," he said.

## Nehamkin has plan to lower retail price of vegetables

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — Agriculture Minister Aryeh Nehamkin is trying to win over his cabinet colleagues to a plan that would reduce the price of vegetables and fruits in local markets and in a roundabout way would also help in their export.

Nehamkin detailed his plan during a press tour of Agrexco installations at the port here.

According to the plan farmers will be assured of a minimum price for their produce. If prices drop below the minimum, the government will compensate them. The farmers will produce according to a quota and their production will be under control. Quotas will be based on the needs of the market plus a 10 per cent margin in case of some unforeseen calamity. This extra 10 per cent would be bought up by the government and would either be destroyed or given away to the needy and to schools.

Nehamkin explained that this would ensure that market requirements could be satisfied and prices remain low. Exports would be helped because farmers would not be tempted, as they are today, to sell in the local market when certain fruits and vegetables are in short supply.

Dr. Amotz Amiad, the general manager of Agrexco, said that the agriculture export season, which has just started, promises to be the biggest ever. Agrexco exports fresh vegetables, fruits and flowers. It does not export citrus, which is handled by the Citrus Marketing Board. Some flowers and avocados are exported by small private export

companies. Agrexco belongs to the government and the farming community. It will export about 250,000 tons of agriculture produce and expects to bring in about \$200 million. Last season it exported about 200,000 tons, worth \$175 million.

The biggest increase this year will be in the export of avocados — about 70,000 tons compared to 42,000 tons last year. Farmers already complain that these huge quantities have brought the wholesale price abroad down from \$1,200 per ton to \$850 this year. They say that this leaves them no profit.

## 'Haifa mayor called in Arab strike-breakers'

HAIFA. — The Labour Council here is to investigate allegations that Mayor Aryeh Gurel brought in 200 Arab workers from the territories in an attempt to break the strike by municipal employees.

The allegations were made by Moshe Sharoni, chairman of the municipality works committee, at a meeting of the council secretariat on Monday.

He charged that the Arab labourers, some of whom are employed by the municipality, were ordered to work on Saturday.

The council is demanding an explanation from the mayor.

It is also demanding that municipal employees be paid on the first of every month.

## EEC in annual budget battle

STRASBOURG (Reuters). — The European Parliament is facing a forest of budget amendments as it stakes its yearly claim for a bigger say in shaping the Common Market's farm-dominated budget.

The hundreds of amendments drawn up by parliamentarians to the Council of Ministers' draft 1985 budget form a pile nine centimetres high.

Multi-coloured sheafs of amendments (one colour for each of the seven Community languages) were distributed Monday as members began a three-day budget debate culminating in a marathon voting session today.

"The amazing proliferation of paperwork in this parliament is the nearest thing it produces to a common forestry policy," budget committee spokesman David Curry (British, Conservative) said.

Parliament and the Council of

Ministers, each given budgetary powers by the Community's founding Treaty of Rome, clash in the closing months of each year as they struggle to get their way over the shape of the budget for the following 12 months.

The 1985 budget battle is complicated by the Community's steady descent towards insolvency. Member after member in Monday's debate railed at the Council of Ministers for presenting a budget draft which they said would fund essential spending for only 10 months.

With near unanimity, the budget committee is recommending that parliament draw up a budget for a full 12 months.

In most years, parliament adds funds to the draft budget for certain items. The council subtracts some of them, and then parliament has the last say in December by putting back part of what it originally requested.

## Tough new deficit budget hits New Zealand taxpayers

WELLINGTON (Reuters). — New Zealand, declared an economic disaster zone by its minister of finance, last week announced higher taxes and fuel charges as part of a tough new budget to deal with a massive government deficit.

Finance Minister Roger Douglas, presenting the first budget since the Labour Party swept to power in July, said the average income tax rate would rise from 31.5 per cent to 33 per cent. Duty on cigarettes, alcohol and petrol will also be increased.

He announced a 45 per cent tax on perks, such as company cars, higher charges for electricity — the country's leading energy source — and a 46 per cent increase in road taxes paid by truckers.

Douglas said New Zealand, once one of the world's richest countries on a per capita basis, "is presently an economic disaster zone. We have laboured under an overvalued exchange rate, an out-of-control internal deficit, a mounting internal and

external debt and continued extension of controls and regulations."

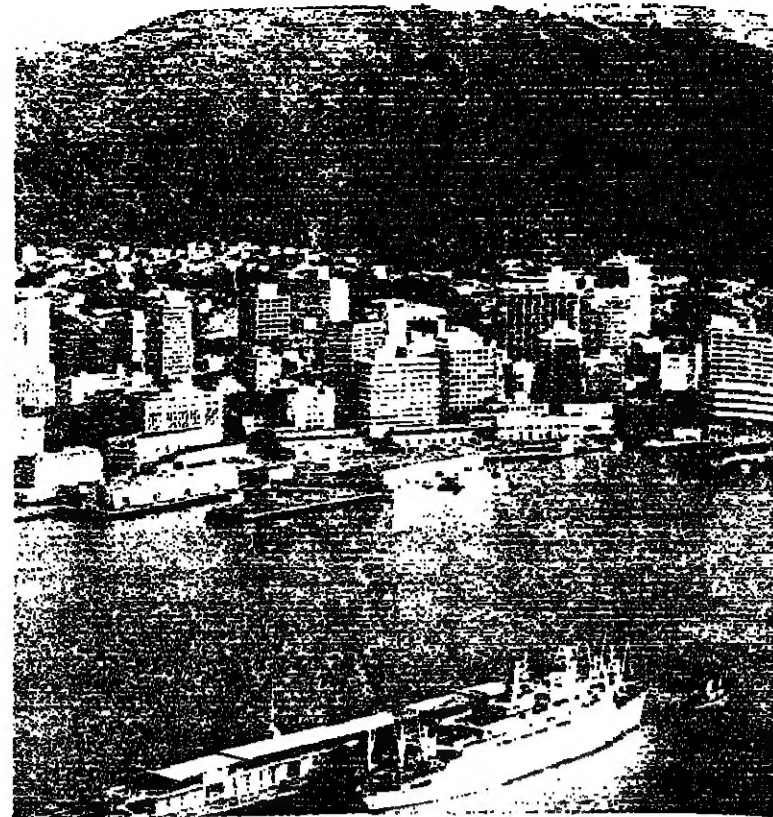
As a major step towards reforming a seriously flawed tax system, Douglas said a wide ranging tax on goods and services including food, would be introduced in April, 1986.

He said the new levy, modelled on the European Community's value added tax, would help to reduce future budget deficits and enable the government to cut the average income tax rate and trim marginal tax rates.

The marginal rates now go as high as 66 per cent of every dollar earned over \$38,000 (\$19,000 U.S.).

With only five months of the financial year left, Douglas expected the deficit to drop to \$2.76 billion New Zealand dollars (\$1,386 U.S.) from the \$3.1b. (\$1,556 U.S.) expected by the previous government.

But Douglas said his measures should trim the deficit by a further \$1.07b. (\$535m. U.S.) next year and by \$1.76b. (\$880m. U.S.) the following year.



View of Wellington from the harbour.

## Bold proposal by Israel Lands Authority Rent land out for 999 years, but get full market value now

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new concept by Moshe Lipka, the director-general of the Israel Lands Authority (ILA), which would make it practicable for the state to sell much of its land and bring needed funds into the Treasury, is being discussed by authority officials now.

According to Lipka a person or institution holding a 99-year lease on government land will get the option of extending that lease for another 900 years (to a total of 999 years) if he pays 99 per cent of the property's current market value.

The one per cent remaining in the government's hand turns the deal in fact into a very long-term lease, rather than a full sale. The ILA thus retains a say in any future transfer of the lease.

At present, when land is leased for 99 years, with the lessee paying a fraction of the full market value, any transfer involves a lot of red tape and additional payments to the ILA. According to Lipka's plan all this will be eliminated. The new approach will also enable ILA to reduce its manpower and improve its relations with the public.

ILA officials say that the new approach is likely to bring in huge amounts of money to the Treasury.

A special clause in the sales contract will prevent speculators from

making an unearned windfall. If they sell within ten years, they will have to pay the ILA a specified sum.

Even with the new leases running for 999 years, existing land laws will continue in force. Thus land can still be expropriated by the government, for instance, if it is required for the construction of a highway. As in the past, land can be leased to foreigners or foreign residents only under special conditions.

A source in the ILA told *The Post* that the plan is like "having your cake and eating it." The government receives 99 per cent of the current market value, while still retaining ownership, because the deal is only a rental arrangement — although running for 999 years.

## Angry clash over recent Norwegian oil price cuts

OSLO (Reuters). — Norway this week faced an angry row over energy policies between the government and state company Statoil, following the country's controversial price cut last month that plunged the international oil market into chaos.

Deputy-Energy Minister Arild Roeland said that the price cut on October 12 had been "a total error of judgment," of which the government had been given no advance notice.

Statoil, which markets Norwegian oil, countered by arguing that if it was given the operatorship of Norway's largest North Sea oilfield, it might be able to control sales through production levels, rather than only through prices.

Norway produces just 1.1 per cent of the world's oil, but Statoil's decision to offer a \$1.50 a barrel discount, set off a chain reaction which sent prices tumbling and forced Opec to agree on output cuts to try to stabilize the market.

The Norwegian government came under heavy international pressure and Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Yamani said after a protest visit to Oslo, that Norway had acted without thinking.

## Slow progress on Spanish entry into EC

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — European Community ministers yesterday made slow progress in talks intended to resolve differences over entry terms for Spain and Portugal, diplomats said.

"It's a painful business, but piece by piece we are getting there," a senior West German official told reporters.

The talks centre on terms for fish, a product important for both countries, and vital Spanish commodities such as wine, fruit and vegetables.

Diplomats said political support for acceptance of a deal by the target date of the end of the year appeared to be pushing talks forward.

The final round of negotiations with the two applicants is due to open here on November 26 and may continue until the eve of the bloc's December 3 summit in Dublin.

## Stevedoring, marine freight rates remain tied to dollar

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Shipping freight rates have not been included in the package deal freeze. The shipping companies will continue to charge importers and exporters according to the daily dollar exchange rate. *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

This means a daily increase of these charges, which account for an average 10 per cent of the cost of the goods shipped.

In addition, the Ports Authority is also charging its stevedoring and other service fees according to the daily exchange rate. These services are paid for by the ship owners and will increase their operating costs.

On the other hand, the wharfage fee, charged at a rate of two per cent of the value of imports only, has

been frozen under the package deal. This fee, which the importers pay, accounts for 60 per cent of the ports' income.

Delegations of the major European shipping conferences, Conisco (Continental-Israel), which serves the routes between Israel and Northwest Europe, and the UK-Israel Conference, are due here tomorrow for consultations on new freight rates on their lines.

The two conferences carry a major share of Israel's foreign trade. Their higher new rates are to go into effect on January 1, 1985.

After these conferences reach agreement with the Shippers Council, which represents the importers and exporters, the other conferences and shipping lines are likely to ask for higher rates too.

## IBM deal poses problem for Mexico

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — A controversial plan by U.S. computer giant International Business Machines (IBM) to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary in Mexico making microcomputers, has rekindled an acrimonious debate here about foreign business participation.

Mexico is torn between profound distrust of foreign multi-nationals and the need to stimulate its economy by making its investment climate more attractive, economists say.

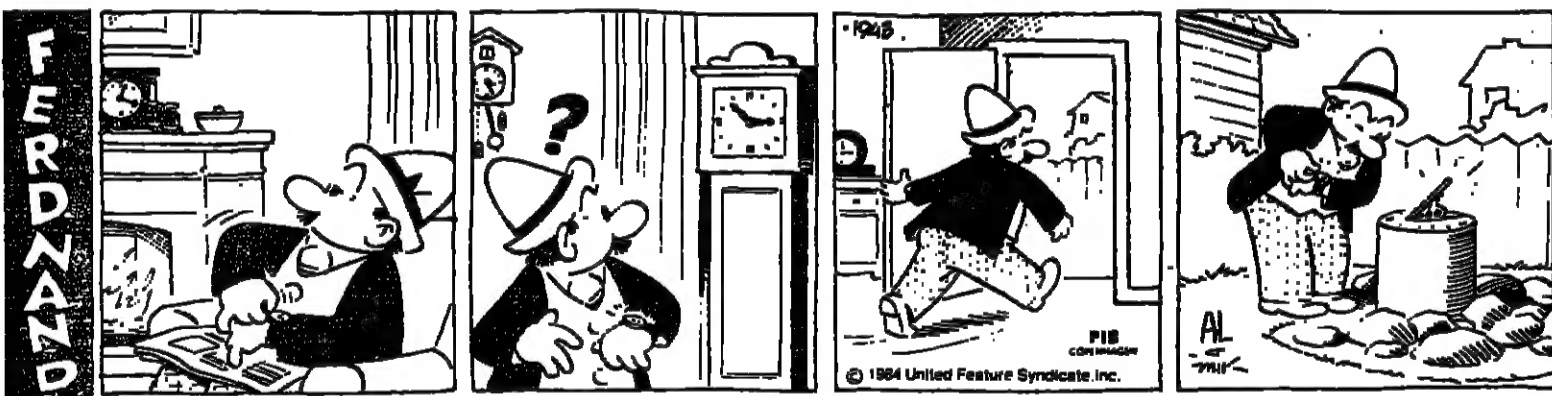
It has promised its creditor banks, to which it owes \$96 billion, that it will allow some \$6b. in new foreign investment over the next five years.

But as a speech last week by President Miguel de la Madrid showed, the issue is highly sensitive. "If we allow full and open access to foreign investment, we run the risk of losing control over our own resources," he said.

Mexico saw foreign mining companies take blatant advantage of its mineral wealth in a set of 1973 laws requiring new foreign investors to accept at least 51 per cent local equity in their Mexican ventures and in many cases to use locally-made parts.

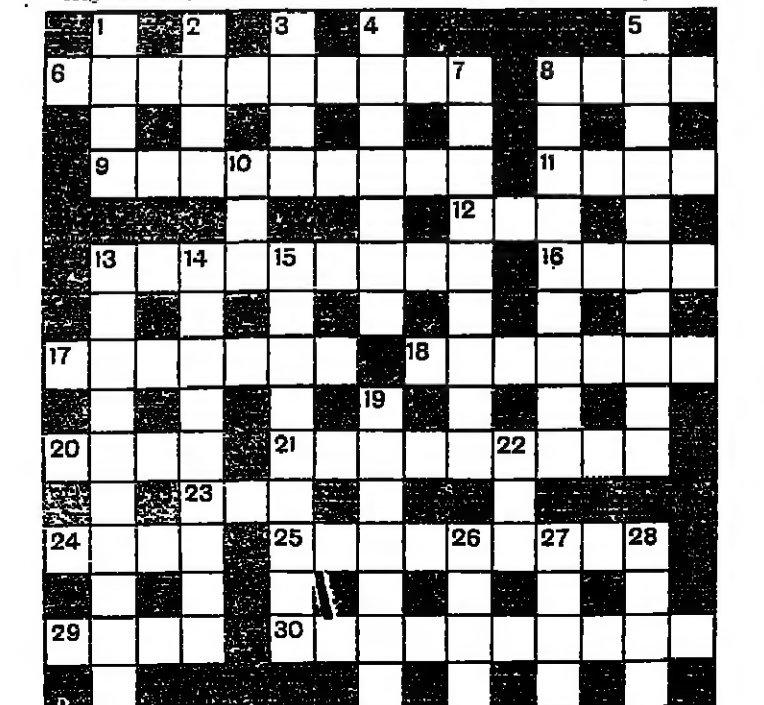
IBM has applied to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary in Mexico to produce 125,000 microcomputers a year for the export market. Industry sources say the investment is relatively small and that the lure for Mexico is the prospect of \$100 million a year in export income.

They said that if IBM gets the go-ahead, other companies will soon follow suit.



## ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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## The dead Med-Dead

THE IDEA of a canal that would draw water from the Mediterranean down into the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, thus helping to produce hydroelectric power, has a distinguished ancestry. The father of modern Zionism, Dr. Theodor Herzl, enshrined it in his visionary novel about a future Jewish state, *Altneuland*.

It is an idea whose time may perhaps yet come. But that time is clearly not now.

Last week the State Comptroller reported to the Knesset State Control Committee, at its request, on the progress of the Med-Dead Sea canal project initiated by the first Begin administration. Unemotional though it is in tone, as befits the State Comptroller, the report amounts to a withering critique of what was originally billed as a unique latter-day pioneering project.

To be sure, criticism has attended the project virtually from its inception. Early on it was pointed out that its economic feasibility depended entirely on purely speculative estimates of continuing high, and possibly rising, oil prices; that by raising the level of the Dead Sea water, to prevent the lake from drying up, it would have a deleterious effect on the potash works at Sdom - and on the Jordanian side as well.

Another possible international complication, to which scant attention was paid, was related to the canal's planned point of origin in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, which is still occupied territory.

The State Comptroller rather skirts the strictly political aspects of the project. He is, however, straightforward on the failure of the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Company to properly consult expert opinion on the risks entailed in implementation of the project. He plainly faults the Energy and Infrastructure Ministry for failure to keep the Finance Ministry duly informed about the planning of the canal, as it was expected to do under a cabinet decision. And he deplores the fact that Israel Bonds buyers might have received the impression that the state was under an obligation to spend the proceeds from their bonds, as in many cases they were solemnly assured it would do, strictly for the construction of the canal.

Such a misleading impression could, of course, affect the sales of Israel Bonds abroad.

Now, after the publication of the report, it is a safe bet that the Med-Dead project will be shelved at least for the duration of the present economic crisis. The new energy minister, Moshe Shalom, not even waiting for the report, has already slashed a goodly amount from its budget. His predecessor, the new finance minister, Yitzhak Moda'i, has issued no demurrer.

Under Mr. Moda'i's ministrations, \$15 million were spent - misspent rather - in preparatory work for the canal. This is money gone down the drain. Yet Israel may count itself fortunate that much more money is not going to be thrown out in pursuit of what, in the circumstances, may be nothing but a chimera.

## CONTRACT CONFUSION

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"miss" the linkage to October's rate of inflation - expected to be as high as 28 per cent - resulting in large losses for those corporations.

The head of one large building firm said yesterday that the country's contractors and builders are "totally confused" by the effect of the package deal on business.

He admitted that during the past few days he had sold a few flats at the "freeze" price of the representative rate of the shekel, IS527 to the

dollar. "But so far we have not lost much since the devaluation of the shekel has been slowed tremendously, and we can absorb the 2 or 3 per cent drop."

But he warned: "What will happen in a week or two? The rate of devaluation can be speeded up suddenly, and even if it isn't, we cannot absorb a 5 or 6 per cent difference. 'How can we plan our sales campaign for next month or the month after - the last month of the three-month package deal?'"

## POSTSCRIPTS

**AN ANCIENT** ornamented lead coffin unearthed recently contains jewels of exceptional beauty and indicates existence of a necropolis on the banks of the Danube near Belgrade, newspapers there reported recently.

The rare archaeological find was discovered by workers who almost cut the sarcophagus in two, thus damaging its lid, the Belgrade daily *Politika* reported.

The water management company of Smederevo immediately halted work on regulating the Cirolovacki Potok stream and archeologists took over.

"There are no similar finds in this country," commented Mladjan Cunjak, archeologist of the local insti-

tute for protection of monuments. Judging by the relief on the lid and the golden objects inside, Cunjak said, the coffin belonged to people practicing early Christianity who lived in the area in the third and fourth century C.E.

The damaged lid features three portraits carved into a large cross and a small cross. The news agency Tanjug said the coffin contained gold earrings, a necklace of gold pearls and an amethyst, a golden rosette and a ring and a hairpin of bronze.

The skeleton inside was that of a young woman. Experts said the coffin and bricks found nearby suggest it was part of a necropolis of a Roman settlement.

**A COALITION** of homosexuals and tenants has established the first American city with a council controlled by a homosexual majority.

The 36,000 inhabitants of the Los Angeles suburb of West Hollywood recently held a ballot to decide whether to turn their area into a city. The results showed the people were two-to-one in favour of the new status.

Those who voted "aye" said their main objective was to freeze rents. They chose a lesbian activist as mayor, and two other members of their first five-member council are also openly homosexual.

The five were chosen from among 40 candidates, half of whom were homosexual. Homosexual organizations estimate that "gays" make up 40 per cent of the city's population. Other residents include retired people and young immigrants from the Soviet Union.

**PEKING** has punished an entire village in southern China and fired three local Communist Party officials for chopping down more than 38,400 trees in violation of forestry protection laws. The *People's Daily* reported recently. The paper said all Rongfu village families had to pay unspecified fines, plant new trees and promise to care for them.

Concerned about China's scanty forest cover, the government is conducting a major campaign to plant new trees and to stop what officials admit is widespread and indiscriminate tree-cutting, which is blamed for the country's chronic soil erosion and dust storms.

Only 12 per cent of China has trees and there have been predictions that all major forest lands might disappear by the end of the century.

# DEALS OVER PRINCIPLES

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

DOES ISRAEL HAVE a national unity government or a political cartel? Both involve an element of agreement, a submergence of conflicting interests in favour of one common to the parties involved. But there is a difference.

The distinction is that a national unity government governs. That implies some conception of a public interest, which is different from the interests of the erstwhile competitors.

The public interest may be the objective of a bargain, but it is not the bargain itself. It involves vision that soars beyond the confines of the political marketplace. This is the element that is lacking today.

That is why economic policy, the major declared objective of the present suspension of partisan competition in government, is a matter of deals, rather than principles. The most important feature of the package deal is not what is in the package, but in the fact that it is a deal.

We have had political cartels before. The public financing of political parties was the product of one such cartel, which found expression in the 1970 Bader-Ofer deal, a package that has been sweetened over the years, to the benefit of the big parties. It is no accident that, with all the urgency in cutting government expenses, there has been no proposal to reduce the take of the political parties from the public till.

Even without the pressures of budget-cutting, that particular package deal certainly deserves a second look. A reassessment seems to be impending in the Federal Republic of Germany, the pioneer in public

financing of political parties. The Flick Affair shows that public financing cannot of itself provide a barrier against the corruption of private contributions. Can it be claimed that political parties in Israel have proved themselves more independent, more dedicated to the public interest, because of the advantages of having the general public pay part of their way?

At least in West Germany public financing of political parties involves fulfilling certain conditions, such as support for basic democratic principles. Indeed, the extent of state supervision of political parties in West Germany, which goes hand in hand with public financing, has suggested the comparison with established churches.

In Israel, a group such as Meir Kahane's Kach can be in on the take without entangling commitments to counter its anti-democratic thrust. Here, political parties are kept, but not controlled. This could have been considered a virtue, even if a very mixed one, as long as the parties remained within some broad framework of consensual support of democratic principles. What can be the public interest in providing public financing for Kach?

TODAY'S NATIONAL unity cartel seems to follow the party financing model, even to taking care of the minor parties. If the true objective of creating a grand coalition were to bail out the economy, there would be no point in seeing to it that the religious parties were taken care of. Instead, there would be swift agreement to eliminate the hand-outs religious interests have netted from

their exploitation of coalition arithmetic in recent years.

But it is still arithmetic that counts. The political market sets the price, even if there is a "package deal" called national unity. There has been no moratorium on political debts. In government as in the economy, deals, not principles, decide.

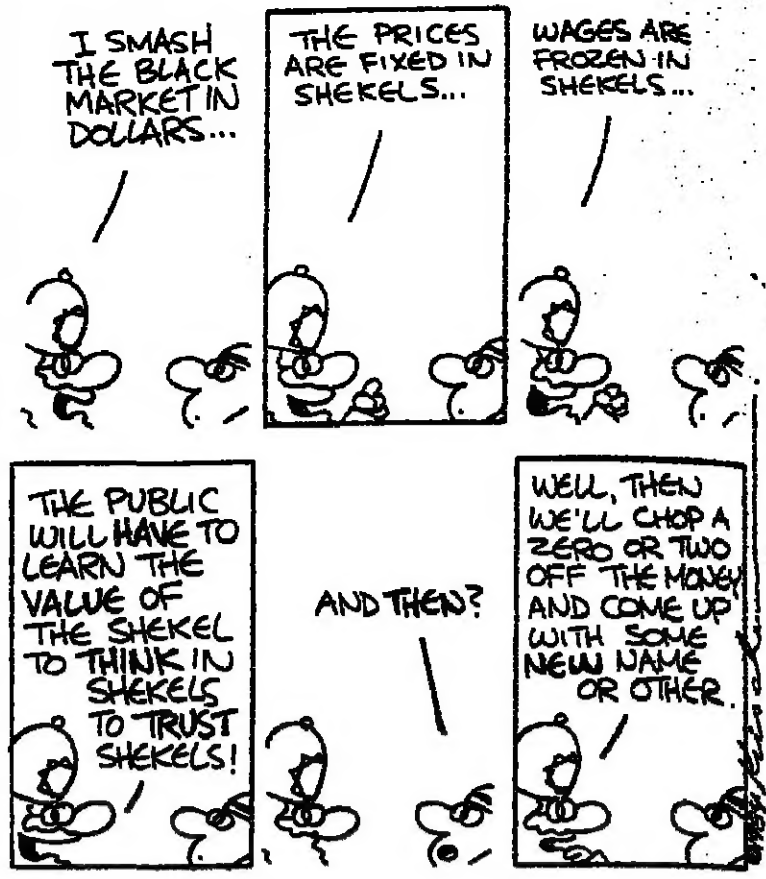
For the first time in Israel's history, there was an opportunity to set up a government with a clear majority, without pay-offs to minor parties, particularly to the rapacious representatives of the clerical establishment. The chance was there, and we blew it.

A grand coalition that suspends politics in favour of a pressing national interest should also be free from the pressure of its marginal partners. This is another advantage of true national unity that has not materialized in today's political cartel. Arik Sharon seems as untouchable as he ever was.

Perhaps it made sense to agree to his inclusion in the government in the first place. Despite considerable pressure to do so, President Lyndon Johnson refused to discharge J. Edgar Hoover, a public official with a considerable popular base, but a disrupting factor in his administration. Johnson reportedly explained, in his inimitable style, that it was better to have Hoover standing inside the tent, pissing out, than outside the tent, pissing in.

Even in the short time since the present government took office, there has been enough experience with Sharon to know which way the wind is blowing. Yet he seems to

## Dry Bones



enjoy protection not only of dissidents in his own party, but of the Labour leadership as well.

It is not a question of support for Sharon, when Peres tries to head off attacks on him from within his own party. It is simply that Sharon is part of the deal. In a political cartel, the guiding rule is: "Don't rock the boat."

THIS IS THE CRUX of the problem. In the national unity cartel, everyone is taken care of, except the public. This is the key to the false start in tackling the problems of the economy, not the prime minister's degree of economic know-how.

To set the economy on the course to recovery, it is not important whether, in questions of economic

policy, Shimon Peres can tell his asking price from his elbow. After all David Ben-Gurion, Peres' mentor, despite his experience as secretary-general of the Histadrut, never let himself get bogged down in economics, let alone assume the sort of responsibility that Peres has taken on himself. De Gaulle dismissed with contempt all but the major issues of high politics as involving little more than the price of milk.

The task of true leadership today is to hitch the political control of the state to a vision of the public interest. That is the interest that has to be taken care of, not those of all the diverse partisan groups that have combined together to form today's political cartel.

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## Politics of famine

By DVORA BEN SHAUL

will, then these people will starve. Everyone who should have known about it knew - the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the affluent nations of the world and, of course, the Ethiopian government itself. And absolutely nothing was done to alleviate the suffering which was both predictable and inevitable.

IT WOULD NOT have been impossible or even very difficult to have, over the past five or six years, created a store of staples, obtained from the surpluses of the productive nations of the world, and to have been ready to meet the disaster. But no one did this, and the reasons behind this apathy - this criminal neglect - is that no one had

anything to gain by preventing a disaster, and there were some who even thought they might benefit by letting it happen.

It is still the knight on the white charger, riding to the rescue, who gets the medal. And it is still the one who holds the key to the warehouse who reaps the political gains that are to be had in such a situation.

No one writes poems of praise about the careful planner who was ready for disaster and who, by wise forethought, prevented it from happening in the first place.

The people who are suffering and dying in Ethiopia today due to the callous indifference of the policymakers of the world, including those of their own country, are being allowed to starve because, in the eyes of most of the world's policymakers, they are redundant in the first place. They are illiterate, backward, primitive people who are not seen as anything but a burden to the economy of a progressive, technologically oriented society. They are not productive and, therefore, they are expendable pawns in the global

game. Their own government knows that they are a drain on their limited resources and is not too interested in them.

Moreover, those starving in Ethiopia are not alone: today, the situation in Chad and Angola is no better; Ethiopia has simply captured the attention of the media.

THESE FACTS may be shocking, but even more shocking is the fact that there are at least four more areas in the world which have been pinpointed as certain famine areas within the next two or three years - north-central India, north-east and central Africa, and north-west China.

But they, too, are areas populated by "expendable" people, and it is therefore predictable that nothing will be done about averting their coming disaster until something tangible is to be gained by so doing.

There is a flurry of activity concerning the starving people of the Dark Continent now, and almost everyone is getting into the act - their assistance, of course, well

documented in living colour to feed the electronic mills that feed the world.

The starving masses are there in full and vivid exactitude, as are the hopeful, helpful, enthusiastic, devoted and young health workers who have been flown in to save the day.

But for most of these sufferers, particularly the children who are so dramatically used to prick the conscience of the world (as a young volunteer, eyes brimming with tears, says: "We cannot save them all, but we've given priority to the children") there is no hope.

Even if they live, their vital organs will have been so damaged by the ravages of ber-ber that they will be crippled for life. The tears and the choked voices of the helpers are genuine, so is the suffering - and so is the criminal cynicism that let it happen once again.

The ordinary citizen who sees all this on the small screen has once again been had. He's been had by the politicians, by the faceless and conscienceless bureaucrats, by the experts appointed and paid to prevent just this sort of disaster. But he has also been had by his own gullibility and addiction to the Pollyanna variety of sentimentality that lets him feel virtuous that now, at least, relief parcels are being sent, far too few and far too late.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

## READERS' LETTERS

### LUPUS PATIENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - S.L.E., or, as it is commonly known, lupus, is a chronic inflammatory disease. It affects more women than men at a ratio of 9:1. Once considered fatal, it is now controllable to the extent that the patient can lead a fairly normal life.

I am attempting to set up a patient support group for lupus patients in Israel. The goals of such a group would be:

1) To enable lupus patients to learn more about the disease.

2) To exchange advice about day-to-day life with lupus and

3) To promote public awareness of the disease.

At the moment I have already collected a considerable amount of material on lupus from similar organizations all over the world. Anybody interested in more information - lupus patients or close relatives - is invited to contact me at 2 Rehov Dov Kimchi, Jerusalem, Telephone (02) 630240. Yael Isaacs

### TAKEN FOR A RIDE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I refer to your ad which reads, "Driver, try and imagine how a soldier feels when an empty car except for the driver goes by without stopping." Yes, it must be a quite frustrating feeling, but the soldiers themselves often discourage drivers from giving them a lift.

Driving recently from Tiberias to the "Good Fence" on the Lebanese border, I picked up four soldiers, carrying rifles, bags and packs and let them off near Merula. Upon arriving at my destination I found my camera and binoculars missing. They had been on the back shelf of

the car, covered by a jacket. They were worth about \$600.

On another occasion I picked up two soldiers near Kiryat Gat. When I asked why they had passed up a bus which had stopped at the intersection, I was told that it is much more pleasant to go in a private car.

Both soldiers smoked without my permission, and after a while one of them leaned over from the back seat and turned on the radio at her favourite station. When I turned it off, I was verbally abused.

HENRY C. GEITHEIM  
 Arad.

### BABOON'S HEART

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The controversy now raging over the moral aspects of transplanting a baby baboon's heart into a human baby has, as yet, not supplied an answer to one aspect of this experiment.

Dr. Bailey and his team aren't volunteering any information, but how, in fact, was that baboon actually disposed of?

TRUDY GEFEN  
 Kiryat Ono.

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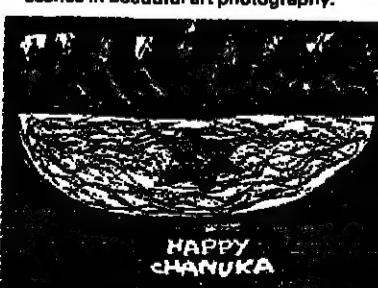
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